GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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THEFT OF COAL AND OTHER MATERIAL IN COAL MINES IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether theft of coal and other materials including technical equipment is taking place from the coal mines in Dhanbad region of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, whether this theft is taking place in connivance with the officers;

(c) if so, the losses incurred by the Government as a result thereof during the last two years and as on date;

(d) whether the Government have conducted an enquiry in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) Instances of theft/pilferage of coal and other materials have been reported in coal mines of BCCL & ECL located in Dhanbad region of Jharkhand state. However, there is no specific report regarding involvement of officers in such theft.

(c) Theft/pilferage of coal is carried out clandestinely and as such it is not possible to exactly specify the loss due to such theft. However, recoveries made in Dhanbad Region during patrolling and raids by security forces, Central Industrial Security Force, police, either in combination or separately, are detailed below: -

Company		2000-2001	2001-2002
BCCL	No. of FIRs	12	57
	Qty. of coal seized (Te)	96.16	142.03
	Approx. Value (Rs. Lakhs)	1.28	2.09
ECL	No Report		

As regards theft of other materials like cable, battery, iron, steel, etc, the details are as under: -

Company		000-2001	2001-2002
BCCL	No. of FIRs/Station Diary	25	30
	Value of materials handed over to police (Rs. Lakhs)	2.46	3.58
	Value of materials handed over to the company (Rs. Lakhs)	11.69	7.19

ECL	No Report FIR/Station Diary made	Value –Rs. 1.34 lakhs

(d) & (e) BCCL & ECL have lodged FIRs/Station Diary in the police station for further action.